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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5768

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, UNCTAD

SUBJ: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGTHS AND DUTIES:

VOTING POSITIONS

1. AT MEETING OF SOME WEO'S EVENING DEC. 5, THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTAIVES STATED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS INTEND TO VOTE AGAINST THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE: USG (PROVIDED IT IS NOT ALONE BUT IS JOINED BY A LEAST ONE OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED STATE); FRG (UNCONDITIONAL STATEMENT); UK(PROVIDED THAT THERE IS "RESPECTABLE COMPANY"; FREELAND STATED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE FINAL INSTRUCTION "IS ON THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S DESK" BUT HE SEES "NO REASON FOR DOUBT") AND DENMARK (PROVIDED THAT FRG AND UK VOTE NEGATIVELY).

2. FRANCE AND JAPAN STATED THAT THEY WERE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS.

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3. CANADA STATED IT WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY ABSTAIN BUT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD REVIEW QUESTION NIGHT OF DEC 5.

4. NETHERLANDS STATED IT WOULD ABSTAIN.

5. AUSTRIA SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN BUT WAS REVIEWING LATES G-77 AMENDMENTS TO SEE IF THAT SHOULD AFFECT ITS DISPOSITION.

6. AUSTRALIA STATED THAT IT WAS UNCERTAIN, BUT INFERENCE WAS THAT IT MIGHT SWITCH FROM AN ABSTENTION TO A POSITIVE VOTE.

7. NEW ZEALAND REITERATED THAT, WHILE VOTING AGAINST CERTAIN PARAS. IT WOULD VOTE FOR CHARTER AS A WHOLE.

8. SWEDISH POSITION SAME AS NZ. (GRUNWALD INDICATED THAT LEIFLAND AND HE WERE DISAPPOINTED AT THIS INSTRUCTION; THAT HE BELIEVED THAT BLIX HAD RECOMMENDED ABSTENTION BUT THAT MINISTERS CONCERNED HAD DECIDED UPON POSITIVE VOTE.)

9. BELGIAN REP DEPARTED BEFORE STATING HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

10. IT WAS AGREED THAT ALL WEO AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE VOTED UPON, EXCEPT WHERE RECENT G-77 AMENDMENTS HAD MET THEM; THAT SEPARATE VOTES WOULD BE REQUESTED ON PARAS. OF G-77 DRAFT TO WHICH WEO AMENDMENTS ARE ADDRESSED; AND THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THERE BE ACQUIESCENCE IN ADOPTION OF CHARTER AS A WHOLE WITHOUT A VOTE.

11. SINCE QUESTION WAS RAISED OF WHETHER INTENTION OF USG TO VOTE AGAINST CHARTER AS A WHOLE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CHANGED UNDER IMPACT OF RABASA'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON DEC.4, US DEL TOOK OCCASION CLEARLY TO REITERATE THAT USG INTENDED TO VOTE AGAINST PRESENT TEXT OF CHARTER AS A WHOLE (EVEN TAKING ACCOUNT OF RECENT, MARGINAL G-77 AMENDMENTS), PROVIDED IT WOULD

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NOT BE ISOLATED IN SO DOING.

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